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Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary was observed in various cities yesterday. Mr. Wiggins is not foretelling storms for nothing. He is the owner of an almanac.

Miss Evarts, the accomplished daughter of the Ex-Secretary of State, as a child dur ing the war prayed for what she termed "the whole United States." A Senator, in speaking of the incident, says that the precious child had a better conception of the true condition of affairs than any States man in the South. M. de Brazza has started for the Congo where Mr. Stanley is said to be waiting "to

give him a warm reception." The London Globe announces that the author of "How I Found Livingstone" will soon publish a striking narrative entitled: "How I Met De Brazza: in Three Rounds; and the Shocking Sight He Presented When I Had Done with Him." M. Clemenceau, the successor of Gam

betta, has a New England wife, a very charming woman who married him for love. They have three beautiful children the face of the eldest girl has all the regularity of a Greek statue, the second girl bas an animated French countenance, and the boy is the image of his father, with the air of an American.

Mr. William E. Dodge, who died or Friday, was one of the most charitable men in the world. The possessor of an estate valued at \$5,000,000, he never permitted his fortune to accumulate and rarely made new investments. He was alway his own almoner and his benefactions av eraged \$1,000 a day throughout the year No man ever did more. STATE PINANCES.

A Lucid and Comprehensive Report of

The minority of the Special Committee of the Senate appointed, under a resolution offered by Senator Dawson, to investigate certain misuses of the school fund, yesterday made a report, signed by Sena-

tor Dawson and Anthony Smith. The

 For what purposes, or under what tances, does the Constitution au thorize or permit the contracting of a debt When and how are debts so in urred to be paid?
Third.—For what purpose was this debt

of \$267,511 18 incurred of \$207,511 18 incurred?

As to the first question—for what purpose the State may incur a debt—section four of article ten of the Constitution says:

"No debt shall be contracted by this State, except[1] to meet casual deficits in the revenue, [2] to redeem a previous liability of the State, [3] to suppress insurrection, repel invasion or defend the State in time of war."

When and how are such debts to be paid? Beginning with the first purpose mentions for which a debt may be incur-red, namely, to meet casual deficits in the revenue," we answer in words from the fifth section of the tenth article of the Constitution: "Whenever any defictency in the revenues shall exist in any year, it [the Legislature] shall; at the regular ses-sion held next after the deficiency occurs,

sion held next after the deficiency occurs, levy a tax for the ensuing year sufficient, with the other sources of income, to meet such deficiency, as well as the estimated expenses of such year."

As to when debts incurred for the other two purposes must be paid, we answer in the words of the Constitution again, (Sec. 4, Art. 10): "The payment of any liability, other than for the ordinary purposes of the State, shall be equally distributed over a period of at least tecaty years."

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For what purposes was this debt of \$267,511 18 incurred?" It must be that it was For what purposes was this debt of \$207,\$11 18 incurred 7" It must be that it was
for one of the three purposes authorized by
the Constitution. It was not incurred "to
redeem a previous liability of the State,"
for the date of the incurring of the first of
it is more than a year after this present
Constitution took effect. Besides it is well
known that the phrase "previous liability
of the State," was inserted to to cover any
part of the debt of the State of Virginia,
which this State might assume as her portion thereof. This debt was not incurred
"to suppress insurrection, repel invasion,
or defend the State in time of war." And
if it was not created for these two purposes,
it must be that it was incurred "or meet
casual deficits in the revenue." And if incurred for that purpose, as unquestionably
it was, the constitutional command is plain
and unequivocal, and it is, therefore, the
bounden duty of this Legislature to
provide, in the manner prescribed in the Constitution, for the payment of this debt, not
a part only of it, as the majority propose to
do, but all of it.

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the next fiscal year to apply to the payment of this debt, not a part only of it, as the misjority propose to do, but all of it.

Observe that the Constitution provides that a debt incurred by the State must be paid either in one year, or the payment of it "shall be equally distributed over a period of at least twenty years." If it is a debt of a "casual deficits in the revenue," it must be paid in one year—"the enseling year" are the words of the Constitution. If it be a deficit for either of the other two purposes, the payment of it must "be equally distributed a period of at least twenty years." That the majority consider this debt as one incurred to "meet casual deficits in the revenue," is evident from the fact that they have reported a bill the purpose of which is to increase the revenues sufficient to pay over one-half (§140,000) of the debt in two years. It it be a debt incurred for other purposes than to meet casual deficits in the revenue," it is unconstitutional to pay more than one tenth of it in two years; is it, is be a debt incurred for other purposes than to meet casual deficits in the revenue, "is even of such as a constitution of the debt in the payment of which must not "be equally distributed over a period of at least twenty years," then it is a debt the payment of which must not "be equally distributed over a period of at least twenty years," then it is a debt the payment of which must not "be equally distributed over a period of at least twenty years," then it is a debt the payment of which must not be provided for in one year—but the majority propose to pay the part of it they think best to pay in two years.

THE HISTORY OF IT.

That this is a debt incurred "to meet casual deficits in the revenue" is proved by the circumstances under which it was in curred, by the administrations of the majority themselves, and we think we have shown, and by the action in regard to it, or such

part of it as existed at the dates, by previous Legislatures. The Legislature of levying a tax upon to meet it, should, as 1875, the first after the incurring of any part of this debt, appropriated a sufficient amount to extinguish it. It is true that the appropriation was not just, but this does not detract from the significance of their action.

21,000,000 to pay the deficit; but instead of levying a tax upon to meet it, should, as aid Legislatures did, appropriate more on the treasury besides the million that would come into it. Well, then, the Legislature of 1887 would be confronted with a deficit of as million and a half; and suppose this sort of mismanavement should

desent detract from the significance of their action.

The debt began in October 1883; the next regular Legislature therefore provided for its payment in one year, so far as to appropriate the amount necessary to pay to do for ten years, as it has gone on for ten years, as it has the provided for ten years, as it has gone on for ten years, as it has gone in for ten years, as it has gone of for ten years, as it has gone in for ten years, as it has gone considered the debt such a one as the Constitution provides shall be paid in one nded over a period of twenty years,-o o years. The majority further seek to justify the

It is well known that the purpose of the framers of the Constitution in putting int that instrument the language have quotect was to present the State from constructing any permanent debt for any purpose what two years. The majority further seek to justify their proposal to allow part of this debt to exist permanently, and to puy part of it in two years, by attempting to show that it was caused by appropriations made since 1875, to construct public buildings. But where does the Constitution say that the State may create a debt for such a purpose? Is a debt incurred to erect public buildings a debt "to redeem a previous liability of the State," or one "to suppress insurrection, repel invasion, to defend the State in time of war?" Clearly not. There must be a debt incurred "to meet casual deficits in the revenue." And such it is, for the facts are these: The Legislature, in 1872, appropriated money to erect, or to aid in the further construction, of, certain public buildings. They failed to levy a sufficient tax to meet these appropriations. The result was, of course, "casual deficits" in 1873, 1876, 1877, 1879, 1881, and 1882.

The provisions of the old and the new Constitution, so far as concerns this questions.

The provisions of the old and the new postitution, so far as concerns this ques-on, are alike. And while it is true that e sum of \$476,124 has been paid out in tion, are alike. And while it is true that the sum of \$476,124 has been paid out in the twelve years from 1871 to 1882, for the construction of and extra repairs on public buildings, yet it is true that from 1868 to 1870, a period of five years, there was paid out for the same purpose the sum of \$557,487; and from the erection of the State in 1863 to and including 1870, a period of seven and a half years, there was paid out for this purpose nearly \$1,000,000; and never before in the history of the State was if claimed that a permanent debt could, under the Constitution, be created for money used for such purpose. It was left for the majority to make this important Osnstitutional discovery. ant Constitutional discovery.

THE LEVY IS NOT ENOUGH.

We dissent further from the majority, because the bill they have reported, providing for an additional levy of 5 cents on the \$100 for the current fiscal year and the next one, is not a proper bill, because the additional levy fixed in this bill will not be sufficient to pay the debt, nor will it be

additional levy fixed in this bill will not be sufficient to pay the debt, nor will it be sufficient to pay the amount it is proposed to pay thereby namely, \$140,000.

The Auditor's report for the last fiscal year shows a balance in the treasury at the close of that year of \$3,698 32 of State fund. The estimated receipts for this year are \$374,150; making a total in the treasury during the year and subject to appropria during the year and subject to approp-tions, of \$387,848 32. The estimated char on this sum are put down at \$373,382 9 To this last amount, however, an a ton Dawson and Anthony Smith. The minority report sets forth:

The amount of the debt owed by the State, as given in the majority report, is \$267,511.18, as follows: A balance of \$140, 000 due on loans, as stated in the message of the Governor to this Legislature; and \$127,511.18 borrowed of the school fund, in the amounts and at the dates as follows: Cogber 29, 1873. \$16,970 do sepflember 28, 1876. \$16,970 do sepflember 28, 1876. \$10,000 to June 18, 1877. \$185. \$16,970 do sepflember 28, 1876. \$10,000 to June 18, 1877. \$185. \$16,970 do sepflember 29, 1879. \$16,970 do sepflember 29, 1879. \$16,970 do sepflember 29, 1876. \$10,000 to June 18, 1877. \$185. \$10,000 to June 18, 1877. \$185. \$10,000 to June 18, 1877. \$10 tion must be made on account of some ba Cent. O. Div ... a careful comparison of the general appropriation bills, as made up in joint session of the Senate and House Figance Commit W., P. & B. Div Clev. & Pitta.. P., C. & St. L... 8:52

tees, with the Auditor's estimated charges on the treasury, shows that this Legislature will increase the demands on the treasury above the estimate of the Auditor, for the current fiscal year, if the appropriation bill is passed as reported and printed (and that the amount named in it will be reduced is the amount named in it will be reduced is not probable), to the amount of \$85,000. For the next fiscal year the Auditor estimates the receipts at \$395,850, and the charges at \$338,700 60. But if the said appropriation bill is passed as reported, these charges will be increased \$50,000. The following shows the probable condition of the treasury at the close of the current and the next fiscal year:

Amount in treasury September 30, 1821_\$ 13,638 \$2

Total probable charges..... Probable deficit September 30, 1883... From the amount of this probable defleit we may subtract the sum of \$25,000, the amount of appropriations made this year, which will probably not be called for during the year. Starting the fiscal year of 1883-84, then, with a defleit of \$73,000, we have:

Estimated receipts,..... R. ceipts on account of rea

Total probable changes\$462,123 65 robable deficit Scutember 30, 1881...... \$ 48,273 6

Probable deficit, owing to the comparative smallness of the appropriations for 1833-84 will not be subject to much, if any, of a reduction on account of unpaid balances of appropriations which may remain in the treasury at the close of that fiscal year. We think that balance will be less than \$10.000.

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The object of these figures is to show that the increase of 10 cents on the \$100 in the levy, (five cents for each of the years 1882-3 and 1882-4), as reported by the majority, is not sufficient to pay the debt owed by the State, inasmuch as the increase in the revenues which will follow the reassessment of the real estate, and the exclusion of certain exemptions now made by law, as proposed by the second bill reported by the majority, will all be absorbed to pay the charge on the treasury, and nothing will be left to apply to the extinguishment of the debt. We think we have shown that there will be no money in the the treasury during either the present or the next fiscal year te apply to the payment of the debt. If this be so, then whatever is paid of the debt must be realized by a special levy.

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